

New Year's Day hikes at Oregon, Washington state parks

State parks in Oregon and Washington are holding First Day Hikes on New Year's Day.

In Oregon, guided hikes are set for several state parks, and the normal \$5 day-use parking fee is waived for the 25 parks that normally require a parking permit. The list of hikes, including one at Fort Stevens State Park, can be found at bit.ly/3mfTx2

In Washington, at least 42 state parks have scheduled staff-led hikes. There are also self-guided hikes, including one to the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, dog strolls, cross-country ski trips and more. Visitors won't need a Discover Pass to park on state recreation lands that day.

Most First Day Hikes require advance registration, and group sizes may be limited. Go to bit.ly/3Evhigs to view all activities and for registration information.

See king tides on New Year's Day

The North Coast will see king tides on New Year's Day through Monday.

The king tides are high tides that occur each winter. They can lead to coastal flooding as well as impacts to

the natural and human-built environment. King tides can provide insight into future sea level rise due to climate change.

While observing the tides, stay off

the beach at high tide and out out the surf.

For information about citizen science efforts to document king tides, visit the Oregon King Tides Project.



Waves break along the South Jetty at Fort Stevens State Park during king tides in December.

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